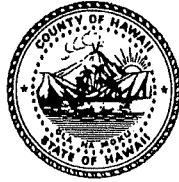


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Subject: Transmittal of Programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District

Dear Ms. Evans:

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District may have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, likely will require the preparation of a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS). Per Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 11 Chapter 200.1-14(d)(2), the county is choosing to prepare a PEIS in accordance with Subchapter 10, beginning with completion of a programmatic environmental impact statement preparation notice. We hereby transmit the accompanying programmatic draft environmental impact statement for the Proposed Action, located in the planning area for the Puna Community Development Plan on the Island of Hawai'i, for publication in the next edition of *The Environmental Notice* on April 23, 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelly Hartman, Environmental Management Planner, Department of Environmental Management, at (808) 961-8512 or email at Kelly.Hartman@hawaiicounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramzi I. Mansour", written over a horizontal line.

Ramzi I. Mansour
Director